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ANNEX - GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS'
BALLAST WATER TO MINIMIZE THE TRANSFER OF HARMFUL AQUATIC
ORGANISMS AND PATHOGENS

CHAPTER 7 - PROCEDURES FOR SHIPS AND PORT STATES

7.1 Procedures for ships

7.1.1 Every ship that carries ballast water should be provided with a ballast water management plan to assist in the minimization of transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens. The intent of the plan should be to provide safe and effective procedures for ballast water management.

7.1.2 The ballast water management plan should be specific to each ship.

7.1.3 The ballast water management plan should be included in the ship's operational documentation. Such a plan should address, inter alia:

- relevant parts of these Guidelines;
- approval documentation relevant to treatment equipment;
- an indication of records required; and
- the location of possible sampling points.